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DIRECTOR, INDIAN LEGAL CURRICULUM AND TRAINING INSTITUTE
FOR THE PROGRAM OF DEVELOPMENT OF INDIAN LAW. HE IS A
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POLICY REVIEW COMMISSION. HE IS THE AUTHOR OF SEVERAL BOOKS. DEPT WILL PAY KICKINGBIRD'S TRAVEL TO GENEVA AND PER DIEM.

3. DEPT HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY PAUL ALEXANDER, ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL OF U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION AND SHIRLEY HILL WITT, HEAD OF COMMISSION'S DENVER OFFICE. BOTH HAVE RECEIVED INFORMAL INVITATIONS THROUGH THE INSTITUTE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIAN LAW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE. MR. ALEXANDER IS AN ATTORNEY. HE WAS CONSULTANT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE REVIEW COMMISSION. MS. WITT IS A WELL-KNOWN ANTHROPOLOGIST. BOTH ARE ACTIVE IN AND KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT INDIAN AFFAIRS. THEY ARE WELL KNOWN TO BIA. NEITHER DEPARTMENT NOR INTERIOR HAS OBJECTION TO THEIR ATTENDING. WE ARE INFORMING THEM OF THIS AND ASKING THAT, AS REPRESENTATIVES OF A QUASI-INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT COMMISSION, THEY COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH MISSION AND KICKINGBIRD IN FORMULATING AND PRESENTING ANY U.S. STATEMENTS OR RESPONSES. THE COMMISSION WILL FINANCE ALEXANDER AND WITT'S TRAVEL. CHRISTOPHER

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